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[www.dsbn.org/
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August 26-29 is Registration week.

It's a great time to pick up your timetable and get caught up with friends and favourite teachers. For Grade 9s and graduating students, it is the beginning of a new chapter. Check out this list to find out your school's registration dates & times.





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Fort Erie Times

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014



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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

More than 1,000 re-enactors participated in the 200th anniversary of the Siege of Fort Erie this past weekend. Events held at Old Fort Erie on Saturday and Sunday portrayed the drama of the siege that was part of the War of 1812, including battle re-enactments.

Fort Erie Race Track sold to Buffalo-based buyer

Mosey, Castle, Paladino and Kompson purchase track

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The sale of the Fort Erie Race Track and the entire

338-acre property to a Buffalo-based buyer will be finalized Monday.

Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the Fort Erie

Live Racing Consortium, said in an email this weekend, "the monies in trust of the sale are confirmed exchanged between seller

Nordic Gaming and buyers Mosey, Castle, Paladino and Kompson."

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A real superhero

Dressed as Captain Canuck, Marcus Antaya will rappel off a building in London to benefit the Easter Seals

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When people look high into the sky, they'll think they are looking at a bird.

They might think they see a plane.

Maybe they'll mistake him for a bird.

But it won't be any of those things.

What people will see when they look to the sky on Sept. 17 will be Fort Erie resident

Marcus Antaya dressed in a Captain Canuck costume, about to rappel himself 26 stories down. One London Place to raise awareness and funds for youngsters with special needs.

Antaya will be one of hundreds participating in this year's Easter Seals Drop Zone in London, ON. He'll become one of more than 4,000 people in 14 cities across Canada that has participated in the Drop Zone event.

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Marcus Antaya is participating in the London Drop Zone to raise money for the Easter Seals, an organization that has helped his son William. From left are Lori Dawn Antaya, William Antaya and Marcus Antaya.

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Antaya wants to 'give back to the community'

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All of the proceeds benefit the Easter Seals, an organization that provides programs and services to children and youth with physical disabilities.

Antaya, along with his team, will dress in hero

costumes. To be eligible to participate in the Drop Zone in London, Antaya must raise a minimum donation of \$1,500 on his own. His team mates must do the same.

Antaya said he is looking forward to participating in the Drop Zone for the first time because he

wants to give back to the organization, which has helped his son, 11-year-old William.

William has cerebral palsy, epilepsy and cortical visual impairment.

Thanks to the Easter Seals, William, is able to attend a summer camp and do fun activities he



He (William) gets opportunities at camp that he'd never get at home. We also get 10 days of respite for the family."

— Lori Dawn Antaya

wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy.

Who: Fort Erie resident Marcus Antaya

What: Will participate in the Easter Seals Drop Zone

When: Wednesday, Sept. 17

Where: Antaya will repel down One London Place, 255 Queens Ave., In London, ON.

Why: To raise awareness and funds for children with special needs. The proceeds will benefit the Easter Seals.

"He (William) gets opportunities at camp that he'd never get to have at home. We also get 10 days of respite for the family," said mom Lori Dawn Antaya.

"William loves going to camp so much. He's eaten cereal out of a pottery bowl he made at camp ever since he's been home," she added.

In addition to helping youngers attend summer camps that are tailored to their needs, the Easter Seals helps families purchase much-needed items such as wheel chairs, bath seats and other costly equipment.

Lori Dawn said the Easter Seals have had

a huge impact on her family's life and it's important for her family to give to the organization that has helped William.

She said an Inspired Change Fundraiser will be held for the Easter Seals on Aug. 23 at Wildflowers Farm at 42398 Fruit Ridge Line in St. Thomas from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature live music, vendors, face painting and food.

Lori Dawn is encouraging families and friends who have relatives in St. Thomas to let them know about it and attend if they can.

Lori Dawn is also offering handmade wheelchair blankets for \$25. The price covers the cost of the yarn and all of the proceeds will be donated to the Easter Seals.

To pledge Antaya e-mail him at mantaya@cogeco.ca or visit online at www.thedropzone.ca and click "Sponsor a Hero" and search for Antaya's name.



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Residents speak out against expansion of propane facility

► Superior Propane Plus representative says company is a 'good corporate citizen'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Several residents expressed their concern about the possibility of Superior Plus Propane Ltd. expanding its facility in Stevensville.

Councillors listened during a public meeting Monday night, as residents said they were worried the proposed expansion would impact their health, create noise and traffic, harm wildlife, and cause property values to decline.

The propane facility is asking the Town of Fort Erie to consider a bylaw amendment that would allow it to plant to rezone land at 2364 Ridgemount Rd. If the application is approved, it would allow the construction of three rail sidings to accommodate up to 14 rail cars and the installation of two new above ground storage tanks.

Shawn Vammen, vice president, of supply and marketing, said Superior Plus Propane Ltd., which owns Burnwell Gas in Stevensville, operates at 150 locations throughout North America.

"Our facility has operated in Stevensville for over 30 years," he added.

Vammen said his company "is a good corporate citizen" that "has a great track record" when it comes to safety.

He said the company follows strict guidelines set out by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and has a safety management plan in place in case of an emergency.

The company plans to

address the public's concern by completing a number of studies to identify impacts an expansion would have on the environment, agriculture, noise, traffic and risk to the community.

During an informal open house held at town hall last month, Vammen said the company welcomed questions and concerns from the public, and is working to address any issues with the proposed plan.

"We want people to feel as comfortable as possible," he said.

If Superior Plus Propane moves forward with the project, the expansion will see the creation of three to four new full-time jobs at the facility.

Vammen said the company would like to see the Stevensville facility use trains to transport product.

"In the 1990s, we discontinued rail service and we rely solely on the use of trucks."

With the expansion, Vammen said the amount of rail service would allow the company to "reach more sources" of suppliers.

Council asked town staff to prepare a report with more information about the proposed expansion which will be presented at a future council meeting. The information they expect to see includes projected delivery times and comments from fire Chief Larry Coplen regarding the training level of employees in the case of an emergency.

Ward 4 Coun. Bob Steckley also asked town staff to send notice to residents living further away than 120 metres.

"I know 120 metres is standard (when notifying the public about new projects) but I don't believe this is enough here," he said.

"This definitely screams that it (notice) needs to be expanded."

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Adrian Gerner this week for his call about last week's photo of the two firefighters from Crystal Beach Fire Company Station 6.

They were Ken Thompson on the right presenting newly elected president Al Everett on the left with the President's pin.

We also received a call

about the previous photograph of police officer Don Morris. He is shown with friends at Clifford Leavers, a jeweller from Port Colborne. Clifford was a guest speaker on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, raising funds at a Police Association event.

Our thanks to Sharon Huffman Dell for recognizing

Clifford, her first cousin. Continuing our look in time, this week we have a photo of a Royal Canadian Sea Cadet award presentation ceremony. There are no names or dates on the back, but if you know any of these people, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

From the gardener's journal: How to keep animals away from the garden

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

I was thinking as I was doing my weeding this week that rarely do we see this lush grass and growth in August.

Usually these are called the 'dog days'. I did a little research and found the term related to heat and humidity of intensity, so hot the dogs would lay in the shade.

Well, this is a great summer to break all the usual stereo types.

My two dogs are north helping with lumbering so I imagine they are in the shade as we've got on shade.

That's another expression I fail to understand, 'working like a dog'.

My own have more fun than work in their average day.

Thinking about my dogs brings me to answer a question I am often asked. Usually folks want to know

how to stop a dog from digging or cat from claiming an area.

I don't have all the definitive answers but here are some tips I have found effective. My first dog was a golden retriever and quite a mess of ours and the lawn when I discovered he did not like juniper.

So, I planted dwarf juniper and the spreading kind and that ended his digging.

That has worked for me in the digging department. I understand why dogs like to carve out a little cool earth.

My other dog loves to hollow out a spot and watch the yard and bush. She was becoming rather smelly so I planted mint in her favorite spot and she not only enjoys the mint but a much nicer fragrance these days.

When they were puppies, my two would chew the rose bush hips. Thankfully they have given that up because I that could not break them if that habit.

Those lovely wandering cats in my world have been discouraged from some spots by planting lemon thyme.

Not only does the thyme do well as a ground cover, there is a smell to the leaves that seems to give off a warning to pets.

My good friend uses cayenne pepper sprinkled liberally on the soil and that works in our neighbourhood.

I will say that so far we have not been able to discourage Peter Rabbit and family, although he hasn't been able to plunder as much this year with the vegetables in containers. A little out of his reach or comfort this year, maybe next year he will brave the containers.

This year we had a bad week. Not only the civic weeding with my super star team member, but the laying of new patio stones.

We have had a section of non-growth since we reworked the shed and after a year of settling we now

have a new area to sit and enjoy when we are not working.

We gals can do levelling and shifting of stones, the hardscape part too in the landscape picture.

We are persistent but we weren't particularly rooting it worked. More like grunts. However, the job is complete and now to decide on the edging that meets the lawn.

This thought brings me to another question often asked—what about ground cover and why is it better than grass?

Lawn and green grass fans will disagree I know, but I prefer ground cover in many ways.

Once established, it requires little maintenance other than keeping managed from spreading where you don't wish it to grow. In dry drought years it will continue to thrive when grass dies back.

And it does make a lovely cool carpet in difficult

growing spots, or where there is a slope that makes cutting the grass awkward.

Or as it often is the case in our area where it is wet much of the time.

Some ground covers like ajuga has lovely spring blossoms and a beautiful bronze shade in the fall, adding colour all through the season.

But you have to be vigilant to manage the spreading of these. That can be too much work, if you want to garden from a hammock.

I will say, this year looks excellent this year all around town and beyond.

looks like we all have worked hard to give Fort Erie a lift. Great job everyone.

And if we get more rain, my dear friend reminded me in a little gift quote "God made rainy days so gardeners could get the greenhouse done."

Hope this week brings you some sunshine and beach time and when the work is done—hammock time.

Until next week, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticultural Society

Correction

In last week's edition of the The Fort Erie Times, Crystal Beach Beautification Committee members Carl Ulloth and Lois Wilson were incorrectly identified in the article "Floral Bicycles Take Off in Crystal Beach."

The Fort Erie Times regrets the error.

opinion page

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On Thursday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the library, you may bring your device for a drop-in "Tech Q and A" session with systems administrator Michael Schell.

You may always call for an appointment, or



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

visit any branch for one-on-one help from knowledgeable staff members. And mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 21, when the exciting Overdrive Digital Bookmobile will be making a stop at the Lefseplex in Fort Erie to showcase our free eBook options as part of their national tour.

Tonight's movie at the Centennial branch is titled "Thrillers from Thursday," all the way to 1951 for the classic *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. This science fiction thriller starring Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal, Hugh Marlowe and Sam Jaffe tells the story of Klaatu, an alien who lands his spacecraft on cold war Earth just after the end of the Second World War, bringing an important message for the planet.

This movie will be screened again in a Tuesday afternoon encore at the Crystal Ridge branch of the library.

Another cinematic trip down memory lane is *Stagecoach*, the John Wayne western, which

will be shown on Wednesday, August 20 at 2 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

For kids and families, *How to Train Your Dragon* is playing this Friday morning and Saturday afternoon at the Centennial branch.

Hugo, the film based on Brian Selznick's amazing book *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, is showing on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch, and Aug. 22 and 23 at the Centennial branch.

The friendly Therapy Tails dogs will be at the Centennial branch of the library on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 23, to greet visitors of all ages, and to patiently pay attention if children would like to

read a story to them. Kids of all ages benefit from reading out loud, and the Therapy Tails dogs are the best listeners!

The Fort Erie Public Library has long been a venue for artists, sculptors and craftspeople from throughout the region, who exhibit their work in the secure display cases at the Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches.

Now, we would like to call out for children and teens who have gathered their own collections: shells, rocks, dolls, sports cards or almost anything else.

If you would like to display your collection at the library for a week or two for others to enjoy, please contact Amy

Roebuck by emailing aroebuck@fepl.ca or calling 905-871-2546, ext. 309.

Moviegoers and comedy lovers were saddened to learn of the tragic loss of actor Robin Williams this past week.

Most of Williams' body of work is available on DVD in the library collection. We also have books and other resources on depression, addiction and suicide.

Search the website at www.fepl.ca or ask at any branch.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Plato: It's true, armadillos are in New York State

I didn't believe him.
Not this far north.

I was at the heart doctor in Niagara Falls for my six-month check up.

Wife, Elaine, was in the waiting room with me when a local Niagara Falls resident started talking.

He was driving his car when he hit an armadillo in New York State.

My wife listened intently as he spoke about this unusual mammal.

As I emerged from my check up, Elaine said to me, "This man hit an armadillo in New York State."

I scoffed and replied, "Maybe a possum but not an armadillo."

The man's reaction was swift.

The other man, a truck driver, collaborated his story.

He said they are as far north as Indiana. Amazing that this hard-shelled creature is heading from



Earl Plato

the southern states this far north.

What do you know about this animal?

Armadillos are mammals with a leathery armour shell.

The word means "little turtle."

Some are distinguished by the number of bands on their armour.

Their average length is about 75 cm (30 inches). Weight? I don't know.

Their range has been expanding northwards.

My research shows they have reached Nebraska and central Indiana. Now New York, according to the Niagara Falls resident.

They are prolific diggers that use their sharp claws to dig for food such as grubs and insects. They make their dens by digging deeply into the soil. Defence.

They can run fast and if caught roll up in a tight ball.

They have the ability to remain under water for as long as six minutes. Another escape mechanism.

Armadillos have very poor eyesight. They use their good sense of smell to hunt for food.

The photo doesn't show it but they have five clawed toes on their hind feet and three to five toes with heavy digging claws on their forefeet.

Avoid the armadillos



Armadillo

Our resident from Niagara Falls told us an interesting observation about this mammal.

I checked it out. He was right. The female gives

birth always to four in number.

So. Guess what? All four are either all male or all female.

Note : In science armadillos are used in the study

of leprosy and other diseases. A most unusual animal.

Earl Plato is an author and resident of Fort Erie.



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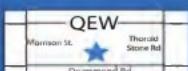
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Now, I will tell you about something scrumptious for your ears. On Aug. 22, we will be part of the Niagara Region Jazz Festival (www.jazzniagara-region.com).

The Niagara region Jazz Festival is a non - for profit organization formed to support a Jazz Festival that feels real and includes all the qualities in the Niagara Region.

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I am not necessarily a dancer myself but I can see my primal instincts taking over my body giving itself

completely over to their music. It is that persuasive.

On Sept. 6, we will be welcoming back our friends from the band Paper Lions all the way from PEI. I'll give you more details next time.

Quick side note. Please check our website www.thesanctuaryarts.org for updates on new shows and all art related classes beginning in September. Feel free to email either thesanctuaryarts@gmail.com or artscouncilforterie@gmail.com for more info and registration.

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patio creation has come a long way and is almost ready to go. Many Thanks to the hardworking members of our family, Yogi, Justin and Jakob. I can't believe what you have accomplished. The patio looks great and I cannot wait to finally relax on it with a cold one and some delicious food.

Speaking of food, I am sure you have heard that Matt MacGregor of Crave Local Fresh is making food for Brimstone's Tab Room.

You definitely know someone is an amazing chef who leaves his culinary followers wondering in anticipation of what he might come up with next week, if the following happens.

My husband saw pictures of last week's creations and got really excited and anxious to try the food.

While I was upstairs for a minute, he decided the waf was over and left without a word.

After looking everywhere for him, I realized his car was gone.

I waited for a bit, then texted him. His response: "Getting food".

Short and to the point I guess but a little crazy since it was 10 p.m. already.

When he returned with his "prey" he was excited like a child at Christmas urging me to devour my share immediately.

I am not ashamed to admit I have had to the occasional second dinner in bed courtesy of Crave Local Fresh and licked the plate clean, too.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

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Recent amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* require all municipalities and local boards to establish a Compliance Audit Committee by October 1 of an election year.

In compliance with the Act, the municipalities and school boards of the Niagara Region have cooperatively worked together to establish the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee.

The purpose of the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee is to:

- Consider whether to grant or reject a compliance audit request made by an elector.
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- In light of the auditor's report, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.
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- Demonstrated knowledge of quasi-judicial or administrative tribunals.
- Availability and willingness to attend meetings throughout the Niagara Region.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Preferences shall be given to applicants that have related experience in law, accounting, local government or academics from related fields.

The term of the Committee will commence in 2014 and continue through to 2018. Municipal Election Candidates have until 2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2015 to file their Financial Statements. Any requests for a Compliance Audit will occur after that date. While Compliance Audit requests for the 2014 Municipal Election must be submitted by June 25, 2015 (or extended through a supplementary filing), a by-election could result in the need for the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee to sit during the term of Council or School Board.

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Applications, and further details on the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee, are available through www.niagaracomplianceaudit.ca or at your Municipal Clerk's Office.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up until Friday, August 22, 2014.

Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T.
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New jazz festival starts Friday

The inaugural Niagara Region Jazz Festival will offer dozens of performances at six venues over the course of 10 days



Compared to Toronto, Kitchener, Guelph... the jazz scene in the region is pretty dismal"

— Tamas Brummer

Niagara is about to get jazzed.

The inaugural Niagara Region Jazz Festival will gather dozens of musicians performing at six venues over 10 days, starting Friday. It's part of a plan to create a viable jazz scene within the region, a task co-organizer Tamas Brummer knows is an uphill climb.

"Compared to Toronto, Kitchener, Guelph... the jazz scene in the region is pretty dismal," says the owner of Chippawa's Savoury and Sweet Restaurant.

Without the population of jazz hot spots like Toronto and Montreal, it's up to Niagara's small clubs to build momentum. If blues music cater to tourists, jazz can be for the locals. Brummer, a former Montreal resident, was at the very first Montreal International Jazz Festival in 1980, which featured Ray Charles and Chick Corea.

To help kickstart a local scene, the non-profit Greater Niagara Jazz Club was formed to promote local talent, create a network of new venues to feature jazz and attract top Canadian jazz artists to the region.

"It's not geared for tourists," says Brummer.

The regional fest starts Friday at Canalside Restaurant in Port Colborne, with Lara Solinicki. The next night sees The Wares at Panini Restaurant in Thorold, followed by Gin-Tonic at Jordan's Calamus Estate Winery Sunday.

Niagara Falls singer Khea Emmanuel—daughter of local blues icon Leroy Emmanuel—plays Fontini's Cafe on Main Aug. 20.

On Aug. 22 it will be Storyville Project at The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway, and Adrean Farrugia and Mary McKay at Savoury and Sweet in Chippawa Aug. 24.

The festival's biggest event will be the all-day jazz in the Park at Welland's Merritt Park Amphitheatre Aug. 23, starting at 2 p.m. The lineup includes the Jessica Stuart Few, Karen Viser, the Gypsy Rebels, Kool Daddy Blue Quintet, Victor Vrankulj Trio and Scott Tapley Trio.

Tickets for the Welland show cost \$35. The Aug. 24 show at Savoury and Sweet also includes dinner (\$35). All other shows range from \$10 to \$15.

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Jazz Notes

What: Niagara Region Jazz Festival

Where: Various locations

When: Aug. 15 to 24

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Judge considers Whalen's parole eligibility

Ray Spiteri
OMI Agency Niagara

Rosanne Whalen will find out her minimum parole eligibility on Sept. 26 when Superior Court Judge Robert Reid gives his decision.

"When we return, it will be simply to hear my decision, which I will give to you orally," Reid said Friday to the Fort Erie mother found guilty of murdering her two-year-old daughter Marissa.

"I want to consider the submissions on both sides."

Whalen has received an automatic life sentence when a jury found her guilty of second-degree murder in April, facing a maximum parole ineligibility ranging from 10 to 25 years.

The jury heard Marissa was beaten and abused in the days leading up to her July 29, 2011, death, when Whalen's girlfriend, Rainbow Hill fatally struck the girl in their Fort Erie home.

There was no evidence Whalen laid a hand on the girl herself; the Crown argued she knew her girlfriend was a danger to the girl and Whalen's own negligence and inaction caused the death "just as surely as if she'd beaten the child to death herself."

Whalen is in prison's box 11. A hearing is set for Friday as forensic psychiatrist Dr Julian Gojer testified about his assessment of Whalen's rehabilitation potential and risk to the community.

Gojer had interviewed Whalen and members of her family.

He said while he did not diagnose Whalen as suffering from a major mental illness, she grew up having educational and socialization prob-

lems.

Gojer said Whalen is a slow learner and has mild intellectual delays.

"She's more a follower rather than a leader."

He said Whalen's emotional dependency on Hill and placed the importance of her attachment to Hill above that of being a caring mother.

Hill is serving a life sentence with parole ineligibility for 12 years after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in Welland on June 28, 2013.

His sister Amanda DiPietro is serving 10 years, four months and two days after pleading guilty to accessory after the fact to murder.

Gojer said Whalen has no prior criminal record and he does not see her as a risk to the general public.

He said if Whalen, however, was to have another child in her care, that child would be at a significant disadvantage.

Gojer and Whalen's "intellectual disabilities" does not preclude her from engaging in counselling, but that it should be done on a one-on-one basis. He said she should receive social-skills training and be "monitored in the community on a regular basis upon her release."

"I am aware of many of the programs available within the penitentiary," he said.

Whalen's lawyer Geoffrey Haddfield said his client was diagnosed early in her school career as being of low intelligence and placed in special ed.

He said Whalen was not a violent person, painting Hill as the "more forceful, dominant partner" and the "primary perpetrator."

Haddfield said Whalen provided "invaluable service" to

police in assisting them with their investigation.

"I'm not suggesting that she gets a gold star. I'm suggesting it's a factor ... in her favour," Haddfield said in his final submission Friday.

He requested the judge issue Whalen an identical parole ineligibility as Hill.

"There is no primary or subsidiary players in this matter," Haddfield said. "Assistant Crown Attorney Thimothy Hill said in his final submission Friday, 'This is a matter of joint liability.'

Hill requested Whalen's parole ineligibility be fixed at 22 years. He also asked the judge to grant a weapons prohibition for life and a DNA order.

"Rosanne Whalen has a lack of remorse and fails to assume responsibility" for the events that led to the death of her daughter, said Hill, adding Whalen assumed a position of trust and authority.

He said "all suggestions" of Whalen's learning disability comes from her, her family and that it was "extrapolated" by Gojer and a psychologist who testified during the trial.

Prior to adjournment, Whalen rose from the prisoner's box and read from a prepared statement.

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His mom, Tanya, stands in the background. She lets Gram do the selling and steps in only to give him mom advice — things like, if he's filling a customer's cup too full, or asking if he needs help making change from a twenty.

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Noyes say 'good governance is important'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Anne-Marie Noyes wants what is best for the Town of Fort Erie.

When councillors are making decisions, they should be asking themselves if the decisions they are making are good for Fort Erie, Noyes said.

That's why Noyes announced last Tuesday at the Lions Douglas Heights Senior Centre she has joined the race to become mayor in the upcoming Oct. 27 municipal election.

"I know I do the job and I can do the job well," she said.

Noyes' opponents include former councillor Richard Berry, former Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce president Doug Demizelle, former councillor Shawn McCooey, Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero and former mayor Wayne Redekop.

Noyes served four terms as Ward 6 coun. from 1996 to 2010.

After Noyes lost the 2010 election for the mayor's seat to Doug Martin by five votes, she has kept active in the community.

Black Creek Stevensville Lions, and she is a member of the Lions Foundation and boards which includes the Community Gaming Development Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie, the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Board and the Fort Erie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

Her employment history includes "years of management experience" for a large corporation with more than 100 employees, developing monitoring and implementation programs in the health care field.

Noyes believes the most important quality of a mayor and his or her council is good governance.

"I believe good governance is important. People elect us to do well," Noyes

said. She believes councillors need to ensure that they are considering their constituents with each decision they make.

"As councillors, we need to leave our feelings of self importance at the door and sit down to the issues," Noyes said.

Noyes said a good leader needs to surround him or herself with people who have diverse perspectives and can disagree without fear of retaliation.

"If I'm elected, I'm going to ensure personal agendas are kept outside the door" she said.

Noyes said costs must be kept under control while improving public services and programs.

"If you have an efficient and effective budget, you can keep taxes in line," she said.

"With lower taxation, our town will be more attractive and this will improve our chances to attract industry and more people

will choose our town as their home."

By encouraging the taxation base to grow, Noyes said more tax dollars will become available to invest in infrastructure such as roads, sewer and drainage.

Noyes said improving relationships and partnerships with other municipalities in Niagara and at all level of government is the key to growth in Fort Erie.

"I believe what is good for Fort Erie is good for Niagara, and what is good for Niagara is good for Fort Erie," she said.

Health care is also a concern for Noyes, who said Fort Erie needs to maintain its urgent care centre 24 hours a day and improve medical services.

"As mayor, I will aggressively pursue these goals," Noyes said.



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Boyd wants to get Fort Erie 'going again'

Lifelong resident runs for Ward 5 in Oct. 27 municipal election

Stephanie Azevedo
Special to The Times

Steve Boyd wants to try to "get things going again" in Fort Erie so he's registered to run for Ward 5 in the upcoming municipal election.

His opponents include Kim Carey, incumbent Don Lubberts, and Mark Wilkie.

Boyd, who works security at the Fort Erie race track, is a lifelong Fort Erie resident.

"When I was a kid, this place was booming ... [Now], all the buildings are empty, vacant. It's a ghost town."

"I want to try and get this place going again," says Boyd.

"I've been in Crystal Beach

since I was a kid. There's a need for leadership [in Fort Erie] right now."

Though Boyd perceives there to be many problems facing Fort Erie right now, he says there is "no easy solution, but hope ... with the right idea or the right developer we can [fix it]."

Boyd also worries about the loss of a community parking lot by the beach.

"We just lost 250 parking spots for next year. People walked their dogs there, were family reunions are held ... It was like a park."

Without the parking, he fears no one will come to the beach.

"The patronage of the beach has dropped in the last four years. The parking lot used to get full, now you're lucky if it gets half full."

He also perceives there to be no money to clean the beach up.

Though Boyd says he did believe in the Bay Beach Gateway Project to bring

condominiums to Fort Erie, he no longer thinks it to be viable since the losses of the project and the parking lot.

"It's clear the people don't want a condo on the beach. Then give us a boardwalk, restaurants, pavilions ... everything in the Gateway project, without the condo."

This, Boyd hopes, would attract more people.

He also says people continue to leave because of a lack of entertainment, whereas places like Wasaga beach have "shops, boardwalks, everything to keep them there and get them to stay the night."

There are some things making life in Fort Erie worthwhile, Boyd says. "The Zooz does draw people. They run their act right. They've got it going."

He is also excited for the new Canadian Motor Speedway. "I can't wait until that's built. It's gonna reflect on the whole town."

Another attraction to Fort Erie are the festivals. "If we

have a festival, you can't move in this town."

"I always liked the Friendship Festival ... when I was a kid they used to have a carnival right in Ridgeway. We don't see these anymore. We need to see more events."

Boyd says Ward 5 presents its own set of challenges.

"Ward five has a lot of American influence ... They seem to think different than the full-time residents. They don't like things like people on their beach ... They are very outspoken ... A lot of them is the reason why the Gateway project didn't go through."

"I believe ward five is unique on its own, but I don't think it needs to be. We're all a part of Fort Erie," he says.

"This Gateway Project caused a big rift in our community. It cost a lot of taxpayers money. We've got to heal this ... and figure out what we're going to do with Crystal Beach."



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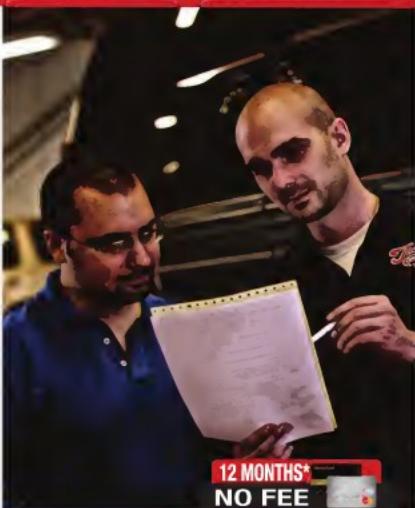
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Landlord left to clean up after tenants' mess

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

After 51 years of renting homes to individuals and families, Ed Lenchyshev has never seen any of his tenants

leave a home in such disrepair.

The 71-year-old landlord was astonished to find about \$14,000 in damages to his Lakeside Rd. home in Crescent Park after his tenants left in

July, leaving behind many of their belongings and trash.

After what he said has been a horrible experience, Lenchyshev is warning other landlords to think twice about whom they rent to.

Lenchyshev said he will develop a stricter screening process before he hands over the keys to one of his rental properties.

He said the process to remove a tenant when the individual is destroying a property is difficult.

"Today, there is the Landlord and Tenant Act. You have to go through this process to remove people from your property," Lenchyshev said.

"The tenant has many rights but in the case of the landlord, there's not much I can do to recoup my costs except go to court."

Lenchyshev said the floors in his five-year-old home need to be refinished and he had to remove "bag after bag" of garbage.

The landlord also needed to install new carpeting throughout the home and repaint.

"My regular cleaner refused to clean the house because it was so bad. I had to find someone else to clean the house for me."

Lenchyshev said he was initially concerned about the way his tenants kept the property.

"At one point when I was visiting, I saw dog feces in the house. I had to serve notice that I wanted the tenants out three months ago," he said.

When Lenchyshev entered the house after the tenants left, he didn't expect it to "be as bad as it was."

According to the Landlord and Tenant Board's web site, a landlord may end a tenancy

because rent isn't paid in full, the tenant disturbs other residents, illegal activity or causing damage to the rental property.

Lenchyshev said he followed the required steps, which include giving his tenants' notice, and he filed an application to the Landlord and Tenant Board to receive an order.

If a landlord gives a tenant a notice to move out, the tenant doesn't have to move out right away. Tenants have a right to go to a hearing and explain why their tenancy shouldn't end.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

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Musicians get chance to shine at Fort Erie Music Fest

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Local artists will take the stage to rock along the waterfront.

Bands like Amber Reigns, In My Coma, and Crutch will headline Fort Erie Music Fest on Saturday, Aug. 16.

The free annual concert, now in its 8th year, will be held at the Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Pavilion from noon to 11 p.m., said concert organizer Lloyd McGuigan.

McGuigan said the concert began as a way "to give back to the community."

"(Fort Erie Music Fest) gives younger people a chance to perform original music in a venue where they wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity," he said.

"When bands play in bars, the owners usually want the musicians to play cover songs so this is really a place where they get to do their own thing," McGuigan added.

The concert also allows fledgling musicians a chance to "gain experience and pro-

mote their music in a positive and encouraging environment," according to McGuigan.

"This is not a competition, rather an opportunity for the community of Fort Erie to come and hear the many talented musicians we have in our own back yard in a great outdoor venue."

McGuigan expects about 1,000 people to come listen to the show during the day.

"Every year it (Fort Erie Music Fest) gets bigger and bigger," McGuigan said.

The first year we had about 20 people show up to the show and it kept on growing."

Refreshments will be available but concert goers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to enjoy the music.

Fort Erie Music Fest is currently looking for volunteers to help with the concert. For more information about volunteering, e-mail McGuigan at fortieriemusicfest@yahoo.com or call him at 905-351-9758.

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Hundreds of people came out to attend last year's Fort Erie Music Fest at Crystal Beach waterfront park.

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A bouquet for people who are so generous to leave their surplus garden produce in their front yard for others to enjoy. These people certainly have an attitude of gratitude. It is certainly unfortunate that someone of questionable character felt they were also entitled to the unique benefit the vegetables were on.

Brick for a cat and its owner
A brick for the noisy cat outside that keeps crying outside my window all night...and a brick to the owner who didn't have that poor animal fixed.

Bouquet for a mother
A bouquet for the special needs caregiver, who wrote such an excellent letter concerning her visit to the park with the child so that he could ride on the swing. Good for her. A brick for the mother who refused to allow the special needs child to ride on the swing, and spoke against the child. Shame on her.

Bouquet for broadcast of Fort Erie

A Bouquet for TSN for doing a fantastic job covering the Prince of

Wales race and more importantly, really making an effort to highlight and showcase Fort Erie. Nice to see a first rate broadcast company do more than just show the race and show Fort Erie.

Bouquet for baked beans like mom used to make

A bouquet for the woman from the Fort Erie Legion Golf tournament who made the delicious baked beans like my mother used to make.

Bouquet for vacations
A bouquet for vacations. It's so nice to get away from it all sometimes.

Brick for dog owner

A brick for the person who lets his dog go to the bathroom on my front lawn. Not only is it disgusting, but it is rude to not clean up after your pet. How would you like it, if I let my dog go to the bathroom on your front lawn, and you walked outside and stepped in my dog's fecal matter?

Bouquet for bouquet givers

A bouquet for all the people who submit bouquets each week. I look forward to reading this section every week. As funny as some of the bricks can be, it's always nice to see little positive notes directed toward individuals in the community.

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Family in need gives back to the community

From Page 21

Her T-shirt also advertises her son's entrepreneurial endeavour. On the back is the word "mom."

When customers are

sparse, Gram picks up his karaoke microphone and without musical accompaniment, announces to passing vehicles, "Lemonade stand. Lemonade stand."

While he's likely too young

to understand the art of the up-sell, few people walk away from his booth with just a lemonade in hand.

"Do you have a cat or a dog?" he asks, as he pours lemonade from a big blue cooler jug into a styrofoam cup.

If the customer's answer is "yes," Gram's follow-up line goes like this: "Maybe you could get him a leash?" he says, waving a hand toward the row of dog leashes, decorated with puffy fabric paint in doggie bone and paw motifs, courtesy of

mom.

One man, upon buying a lemonade and treat (Tanya has made Rice Krispies squares and cones, brownies and even doggie treats from a recipe in one of Gram's clip magazines), was also persuaded to purchase a leash.

"He did well," the man said as he left, directing a smile and a wink toward Gram. "I only wanted a lemonade."

No worries, though.

It's all for a good cause. Gram will give the money to the Niagara Falls Humane

Society. In total, after one more day of lemonade sales, she raised about \$285. No long ago, he gave about \$330 plus a bin full of food to the Salvation Army food bank in the fall.

QMI Agency Niagara profiled Tanya back in April to begin a series on poverty. She is a single mom. Works a part-time, minimum-wage job in St. Catharines. Sometimes, she fills up on soft drinks to make sure there's enough food in the cupboard on the weeks she has her son. And yet, she

says it's not so bad. There are others worse off than her.

She wants to give back. To help others. And to teach her son the importance of helping the community.

The Salvation Army helps her with rent through the Housing First program, and she attends its Niagara Orchard Community Church. So returning the favour came naturally, she says.

Gram presented the donation one Sunday, with a big cheque Tanya had made from foam board, in front of the congregation.

Dressed in a shirt and tie, he stood on a podium box and informed the audience: "As many people know, I held a lemonade stand two times this week with lots of help from my son and my friend Piper."

He explained how much they'd raised, his seven-year-old friend Piper Lauder held the cheque, and everyone clapped. And then, Gram reciprocated the microphone from the minister, climbed back onto the podium and spoke again:

"Now is there any questions?"

It all began three years ago when Tanya bought a cardboard lemonade stand from Giant Tiger -- on sale, no less, for \$10, regular \$30. Last year, they set up near the local ball diamond a couple times and sold lemonade to thirsty players to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

This year, they expanded their merchandise and have increased their frequency. Mom and son plan to be at their usual corners on Main and Dock streets in Chippawa -- every other week, weather permitting, throughout the summer.

Next year, Gram will likely grow his refreshment business again, although it's too soon to offer any definite projections.

But in a contemplative moment between sales, Gram offers this thought: "Doing that for other charities is great for other charities that need stuff."

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Dance school learns about newest trends from top choreographers

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

At the end of the dance year, Rebecca Baker can't even begin to think about next year's choreographer.

But the Peacock School of Dance teacher says she manages to push past her creative limits to come up with fresh ideas.

"It feels like dance has pulled all my creative juices out of me," she says. "Every year, you feel like you've given everything you've got but the next year, you've got to come up with something just as awesome."

Baker intends to freshen up next year's choreography and she already has a few ideas with innovative dance moves thanks in part to a three-day seminar in New York City.

Follow Peacock teachers Derene Venturini, Lesley Krieger, Pamela Hensler and Rebecca Baker, took part in a mix of movement sessions, seminars and workshops at the Dance Teacher Summit held Aug. 1 to 3.

The three-day event highlighted the newest trends in dance, technique and training. More than 1,500 people from around the world attended.

Toppling the list of renowned teachers at the summit was Mandy Moore, from the television show So You Think You Can Dance. Moore taught both jazz and contemporary routines.

Twyla Tharp, who is one of the greatest U.S. choreographers, according to Baker, taught pieces from her famous repertoire.

Baker, who began dancing at Peacock when she was six, says dance "stretches between an art and a sport" and it's important to keep coming up with new and creative dances.

Dance also teaches a wide variety of skills which include time management,

self-esteem and how to work with others.

"When you're in dance class, everyone's counting on you and you can't just skip a whole class. If you do, you're letting your whole team down."

Peacock School of Dance is hosting dance registration at its studio, at 1731 Dominion Rd., in Fort Erie, on Wednesday, Sept. 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Strange 'overwhelmed' by support

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

He's home.
"I was very over-

whelmed," Mike Strange said of the reaction he

received at Oakes Park Saturday after finishing his 94th and final marathon in 94 days across Canada.

He was greeted by family, friends, supporters and dignitaries, who welcomed the Niagara Falls resident and three-time Olympic boxer during a homecoming celebration.

He began his epic run on May 8 in Newfoundland, running an average of 42.6 kilometres a day, covering almost 4,000 kilometres.

Strange was raising money to support McMaster University's Stem Cell and Cancer Research Institute and Ronald McDonald Houses Charities of Canada.

Strange ran more than 3,100 kilometres from Thunder Bay to Canada's west coast in 2012 and raised money for Childhood Cancer Canada.

"What a great moment this is in the history of Niagara Falls," said Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson.

"We will remember this for the rest of our lives."

Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates said it's "unbelievable" what Strange has done, raising money to fight, and

awareness about childhood cancer.

"Can you imagine doing 94 marathons in 94 days?" said Gates. "He showed incredible courage."

Mayor Jim Diodati said he was impressed by how each community Strange ran across in Canada "welcomed him like there own."

Supporters across Canada ran with Strange along the route since he began his run, including in Niagara Falls.

"It was tiring following him on Facebook, let alone following him," Diodati joked, referring to Strange's daily social media posts about his progress.

Niagara Falls resident Scott Reid, a long-time friend of Strange, was one of the people who welcomed Strange home. Reid and his local judo club ran with Strange from Ajax to Toronto. They also ran with him Saturday.

"He's an inspiration more than he could ever imagine—a true Canadian hero," said Reid. "He put his body and his life out there to help children. He does it for the kids."

Strange dedicated each day of his run to a child who is fighting, or has fought, cancer.

He dedicated the last run Saturday to Niagara Falls' Nick Roma, who last year, only a year after losing his hands and feet to amputation, walked a quarter mile on the track at Oakes Park.

Roma also participated in the last bit of Strange's run Saturday, which went from Fort Erie to Niagara Falls along the Niagara Pkwy., to Queen St. and ending at Oakes Park.

"This kid has been something else. He is a huge inspiration of mine," Strange said of Roma, who was fitted for prosthetics after battling lymphoblastic leukemia and lost both his hands and feet following an infection that caused multiple organ failures.

Saturday's homecoming coincided with Strange's fourth annual Heater's Heroes Run for Children.

The event is a tribute to the late Robert "Heater" Lavelle, who was dedicated to helping local children in need.

Along with live entertainment, food, drinks and family-friendly events, several children who have had life-threatening or life-altering illnesses, along with their family and friends, walked a lap around the Oakes Park track.

Proceeds will go to charity partners, including those whose mandate is to fight childhood cancer.

One of the children who walked a lap around Oakes Park Saturday was Mike McNamara, a five-year-old Stevensville boy who just finished treatment for leukemia.

"He kicked its butt," said his father, Sean, who thanked Strange for his efforts.

"It's unbelievable dedication to be able to do something like that. He's an inspiration to everybody out there."

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August 28

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88Q and Registration

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9:00-10:30 am

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9:00-11:30 am

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12:30-2:00 pm

Grade 9: August 28

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11:00 am-1:00 pm

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School Tours

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With the DSBN's Make the Move mobile site, you can keep all your options close at hand (literally)! You can use your smart phone to check out programs and activities, download your timetable right into your calendar and access a range of supports to help you become successful in school.

Parents, you can also visit the site for a list of frequently asked questions about high school, a list of supports for your child and to explore all that our schools have to offer.

2014/15 DSBN ELEMENTARY DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
1 LABOUR DAY	10 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	14 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	22 FIRST DAY OF WINTER BREAK	2 LAST DAY OF WINTER BREAK
2 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	13 THANKSGIVING DAY			5 FIRST DAY OF CLASS AFTER WINTER BREAK
12 EARLY RELEASE DAY				16 EARLY RELEASE DAY
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
13 EARLY RELEASE DAY	16 FIRST DAY OF MARCH BREAK	3 GOOD FRIDAY	15 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	12 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY
16 FAMILY DAY	20 LAST DAY OF MARCH BREAK	6 EASTER MONDAY	16 VICTORIA DAY	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
				24 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

2014/15 DSBN SECONDARY DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
1 LABOUR DAY	10 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	14 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	22 FIRST DAY OF WINTER BREAK	2 LAST DAY OF WINTER BREAK
2 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	13 THANKSGIVING DAY			5 FIRST DAY OF CLASS AFTER WINTER BREAK
12 EARLY RELEASE DAY				24 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	30 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY
2 SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS	16 FIRST DAY OF MARCH BREAK	3 GOOD FRIDAY	15 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY	15-21 SECOND SEMESTER EXAMS
13 EARLY RELEASE DAY	20 LAST DAY OF MARCH BREAK	6 EASTER MONDAY	16 VICTORIA DAY	24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
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				26 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

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